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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: KYLE M. HANSON ET AL.  
APPLICATION No.: 09/882,309  
FILED: June 14, 2001  
FOR: DIFFUSER WITH SPIRAL  
OPENING PATTERN FOR  
ELECTROPLATING REACTOR VESSEL

EXAMINER: KISHOR MAYEKAR  
ART UNIT: 1753  
CONFIRMATION No: 7064

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

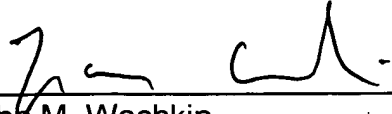
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed December 9, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 17-36. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
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